(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Extension of Nadikudi-Bibinagar railway line

67. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for extension of Nadikudi-Bibinagar railway line at Venkatagiri in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

New Railway Line from Gudur to Macherla in Andhra Pradesh

68. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for construction of new railwy line from Gudur to Macherla *via* Vinukonda, Kamigiri and Atmakur in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Kidnapping by Terrorists

69. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the kidnapping made by terrorists groups during the current year in different parts of the country; and

(b) the number of cases in which Government have succeeded in rescuing the hostages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB: (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission for Retired Railwaymen.

70. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Retired Railwaymen Association had submitted a representation to Government demanding the implementation of recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission for retired railwaymen; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No specific details of the representation or reference have been indicated. However, all the accepted recommendations of th IVth Central Pay Commission for retirees under the Central Government have been implemented on the Railways also.

Manpower in railway

71. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce the manpower in Railwys by 40 per cent by the end of the Century; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Incidents of Violence caused by Terrorists

72. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of violence and resultant law and order situation caused by terrorists in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents that have taken place since June this year till date; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (c) The Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorist elements in some parts of the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with active cooperation of the State Governments.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

73. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the medicines are not available in CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi and other places;